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<i>RECEIVED</i>	Application Number	09/862732
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9	First Named Inventor	Cheng
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3/31	Examiner Name	Blum, Theodore M.
	Attorney Docket Number	CHA920010009US2

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 11/18/2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

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i. Amendment/Reply

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Applicant: Cheng

Art Unit: 3662

Serial No.: 09/862,732

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Examiner: Blum, T.

Title: GEOCHRONICLE BASED IDENTIFICATION FOR E-BUSINESS

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please accept amended claims 1, 6-7, 9, 12, and 18 as shown below. A version with markings to show the changes made to the claims accompanies this response.